

REMARKS

The Primary Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above-proposed amendments.

The above amendments are needed for the proper protection of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. While the above change to a dependent claim can in fact be characterized as a formal matter, the change does in fact potentially affect the interpretation of the claim.

That is, claim 15 previously recites a substrate transport pod according to claim 13, wherein a gas circulation means for circulating a gas through the pod is provided, and stopped when the door is in a closed state. However, this should properly read "and operated when the door is in a closed state." This change is clearly supported by the language of page 51 of the specification, noting for example lines 4-6.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments are appropriate to be entered at this time, and such entry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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